(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission releases estimates of urban poor from time to time based on the national sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Recently, Planning Commission has released State-wise estimates of urban poor for the year 2004-2005 on the basis of 61st Round of NSSO survey. At present, there is no proposal to conduct all India survey of the urban poor.

Human Rigths of PIOs

1094. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have recently taken place for the protection of the human rights of the people of Indian origin;

(b) whether international treaties are obstacles in this regard;

(c) whether discussions have been held to bring this matter under the purview of Human Rights Commission of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) India is a party of the core international conventions on human rights namely- International Conenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966; International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1966; Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women, 1979; Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989; Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, 2000; and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, 2000. These conventions/treaties facilitate the protection of Human rights of Indian, that includes PIOs and are in no way an obstacle/impediment.

Ill-Treatment of women Employees in Gulf countries

1095. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints of ill-treatment of women employees and refusal of timely payment of wages, cancellation of work permit/visa to Indian citizens working in Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints, category-wise as on today;